

**ABSTRACT**

A method and a system for using an internet protocol (IP) address of a user data processing system to obtain from a software vendor an authorization code for activating a software application. In one embodiment, a computer implemented method and system facilitates obtaining an authorization code from a vendor data processing system for activating a software application on a user data processing system. The method includes establishing a license database including a plurality of internet protocol addresses referencing user data processing systems on which the software application is licensed to execute. The vendor data processing system obtains the internet protocol address of the user data processing system. Where the internet protocol address is recorded in the license database, the vendor data processing system transmits the authorization code to the user data processing system. The authorization code activates the software application on the user data processing system.